Careless Parking Hurts Businesses

By TOM NUSSLE
Niteside Editor

Businessmen along Burbank Blvd. believe that Valley College students are hurting their businesses by parking in their lots and intend having their cars towed away if students continue using them.

"People who normally patronize our stores are staying away because they can't find a parking space," says one owner.

An employee of Neiman Reed's says, "You know it's bad when you look out in the parking lot and see 40 cars, then look around the store and see seven people, five of whom are employees."

The general view among students and staff at Valley is that there is a definite lack of ample parking. "For the 10 years I've been here at Valley working for the Campus police parking has been a problem," says Wally Gudzus, chief of Campus Police.

All available space on campus that could be used for more parking lots has been used. "The only way of having more parking space," says Gudzus, "would be to tear down existing facilities such as the baseball field or tennis courts."

Businessmen and employees of establishments on Burbank Boulevard have no solutions to the problem. However, says one owner, "The college must do something about it; if the college doesn't then the citizens will. The college has heard of Proposition 13, hasn't it?"

Among the solutions to the parking problem would be the installation of parking arms. This system would count the number of cars entering the lot and would close when the maximum number of cars have entered the lot. "This," says Gudzus, "would keep students from driving around endlessly through lots trying to find a space."

Off campus parking has also been considered, the idea being that students would park off campus and then take shuttle buses to the campus. The major problem with this is that there are no areas suitably large enough or close enough to achieve this.

Consideration has also been given to the idea of allocating parking spaces for small cars only. Gudzus says, "We then get into the question of what constitutes a small car."

A lot has been set up on the corners of Burbank and Fulton exclusively for small cars but has not been very successful. "Students with larger cars have been using it and taking up one and a half spaces," says Gudzus. "It defeats the purpose of having one."

Businesses have not yet resorted to towing cars away but feel that it will only be a matter of time. "Unless students stop using our lots," says one businessman, "we'll have no choice but to tow them away."

The businesses have requested that the city place more police patrols in the area and the Police Department has agreed to the request.

"The problem of illegal parking is much worse in the evening," says another employee of Neiman Reed's. "They start coming in about 6 p.m. and fill the lot," she said. "We try explaining to them why they can't use the lot but they don't listen."

The Campus Police face similar problems on campus with illegal parking. "We attempt to allow a bit more illegal parking during the first six weeks of the semester," says Gudzus. "That is, as long as it is not done in designated handicapped spaces or so out of line that it blocks other students from getting their cars out of the lot."

An average of 90 tickets a day were issued the first week the Campus Police issued citations. That figure is expected to be between 100 and 120 during ensuing weeks. "The fine on campus for illegally parking," says Gudzus, "is $5 and $25 for illegaly parking in handicapped spaces."

Parking citations are averaging about the same as in past semesters and are expected to decline in numbers as the semester goes on. "Soon everyone will be able to find a parking space as student attrition begins to raise, but even then the small lots will remain full," says Gudzus.

ASB EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING—Millie Barboza, Editor of Crown, pauses in midst of struggle to obtain financing for this semester's edition of Crown magazine. Stressing a point is Ron Ramirez (standing), as counselor Steve Froehlich patiently listens.

Star photo by Mike Volland

Crown Magazine Given Go Ahead

By MATHIEU ELLIS
Council Editor

After weeks of debate, Crown magazine was affirmed when ASB alloted the publication $4,000 at Tuesday's Associated Student Body Meeting. Crown will be given to students in late May.

The motion to fund Crown was passed at the ASB meeting and later at the Finance Committee meeting where several stipulations were added.

Those stipulations were 1. That the publication be available for distribution two weeks before finals, 2. that the Crown staff be solely responsible for promotion of the magazine, 3. all students with paid ID are entitled to a free copy and non-paid students wishing a Crown must pay $2.00 per copy, and 4. the Crown must identify more students through photograph and captions.

Several members of ASB felt that the student body should retain some control of the content of the magazine, as they were the ones paying for it. The advisers noted, however, that a teacher would never approve of students coming into a class and telling him how he should run his instructions.

One member proposed that a committee be formed to check on the Crown progress, but the proposal was not approved by council as that was a form of censorship.

Richard Cowsill, a student speaker, suggested that the "students be given control because it is co-curricular. I say no to censorship."

Eiram Pollard, editor-in-chief of the Valley Star, felt that "just because you put in the money for the Crown, you can't control it. I think that the Journalism department and the staff should run it."

The other big issue, that of distribution, created more heated debates. As there are about 1,000 copies of the Fall issue of Crown still undistributed, everyone felt that there should be better circulation methods in the future.

Millie Barboza, editor of Crown Magazine, boasted that "We make every effort to produce a quality magazine for the students."

To increase circulation this semester, distribution will be handled by the Crown Staff. Last semester, no one group had the responsibility of distributing the publication, and this resulted in much confusion. Also, all of the photographs will have cutlines (captions under the photos) describing who is in the photo. More Valley students will be presented in the photographs as well.

Also at the meeting, Mike Moline, president of ASB proclaimed Friday's College Disneyland Night "a success. We made $51.00 and over 100 people went and had fun." ASB was given 50 cents for each $6.00 ticket sold. "Next time, though, we'll start publicity sooner so more students can make arrangements to attend," Moline said.

Also, this semester's blood drive will be held March 12, 13 and 14. Gwen Basevi, who made the announcement, also revealed that "this year we made a deal with Burger King and everyone who gives a pint of blood will receive a free hamburger, french fries, and coke. Prizes will also be awarded to the club that gives the most blood."

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TEACHERS DESERVE PAT ON BACK

Report Cards Recieved in Record Time

By RICHARD DAVIS
Assoc. News Editor

Valley College students received their grades before any other college students in the district this semester. This has prompted a sincere expression of thanks to all the instructors at Valley from Jack Lee, Assistant Dean of Admissions and Records.

"They deserve a pat on the back. They go to a lot of trouble to get their final grades in on time so that we can begin the process of feeding them through the computer downtown," said Lee, concerning the efforts of the 600 instructors at Valley.

"Speed is important," said Lee. "Especially when transferring students need to have their transcripts mailed to their next school promptly," Lee added.

According to Lee, another advaantage to the speedy return of final grades is the diminishing of the anxiety of not knowing your final grade.

"However, the process of getting grades back from the computer has become so much faster in recent years that it's almost the same as mailing post cards direct from the instructor," said Lee. Although all nine community colleges in the LACCD use the same computer to process their final grades, Valley College was one of the first to complete and mail out their grades last semester.

"I know of some colleges in California that take up to six weeks to complete the grading process," said Lee, adding, "That can really put a strain on some of the administrative efforts that require confirmed grades."

On the other hand, the tight deadline needed to necessitate a swift return of grades can alter the manner in which the finals are given. Several instructors must often give objective test for their finals in lieu of "in depth" type tests. If a test requires extensive reading or other lengthy grading processes, and it's scheduled near the end of the finals period, that test will often be an objective tests.

"What the instructor has to do now is offer a multiple choice type quiz or other fast grading type test," said Dr. George Herrick, professor of English.

Even so, many instructors find themselves burning the midnight oil to meet the grade deadline despite the fact they gave "fast grading" type tests.

"It was hard to meet the deadline on Friday (last semester's deadline), I would have liked to have the weekend," said Ellen Davis, associate professor of English.

"I didn't have a problem this last semester," said Karen Timberlake, professor of chemistry. "There have only been a few times that I've had a hassle in the past. Sometimes I've had to give a multiple choice test because of the time element. I would rather give a test that required an in-depth response, but I've usually attained that during the semester with papers," said Timberlake.

GRADUATION

Tomorrow at 4 p.m. is the deadline for filing petitions for graduation as of June 16, 1979. Petitions are available in the Credit Office, A127.

VC's Speech Team Takes Fourth Place

By SAM LEVI
Staff Writer

Valley's speech team placed fourth out of 40 schools in the Cerritos College Speech Tournament last week and will be participating in the California State and National Tournament in late March and early April.

The Cerritos tourney was attended by schools as far away as Utah and Arizona. Valley's team participated in seven categories and had five finalists.

A finalist in persuasion speech was Denetra Jones, who placed fifth. Robin Crystal went to the finals in communication analysis and placed second in expository speech. Louis Waco placed fifth in debate. Tom Thomas won the Lincoln Douglas debate and Lisa Figueroa won the speech to entertain category.

Paul Crary, speech coach, said, "This was one of the closest tournaments in recent years. Our team missed second place by only two points."

Crary and Jim Marteney will accompany the team to Minnesota for the National Junior College Tournament. Because of recent cutbacks due to Proposition 13, the funding for the cost of taking the team will be raised by a raffle held by the speech team.

The team will need to raise $4,500-$5,000. The price of a ticket is $1 and can be obtained by anyone on the team or in the speech office. Prizes will include a 19-inch color television and gift certificates to supermarkets and department stores. Movie tickets and dinners will also be given away.

Crary said, "This is one of the best teams in recent years and is as talented as the one which won the 1977 national championship."

Pres. Thurston's Views of Taiwan

By KELLEY TABOR
Managing Editor

Valley College President Alice Thurston came back from her recent tour of educational institutions in Taiwan "very impressed."

Thurston and several other American educators who were invited by the Minister of Education of the Republic of China, spent Feb. 4 through 11 touring several community colleges and technical institutes in the vicinity of Taipei, the capitol of Taiwan.

The main differences between our colleges and theirs? Their junior colleges are not comprehensive, which means almost no liberal arts because the focus is on technical, not general education Taiwan, as isolated as it is, relies heavily on industry to sustain itself. Although there are no literal contracts with industry, more often than not a student will find his or herself quickly placed in employment.

The institutions there are not "open door" like Valley, where mostly anybody can walk in, apply, and be accepted. In Taiwan a strenuous entrance examination is required and applicants must know their basics Math, English, etc., Thurston reported.

Five, three and two-year programs are available, the five year deal being for students who come right from junior high.

"The students there don't get degrees when they graduate," said Thurston. Instead they get certificates.

Moving to another subject, Thurston said that the mood of the people of Taiwan after the United States recently broke all official relations with the island, is relatively good. "People are going about their business. They seem unperturbed," she said.

Thurston was somewhat ambigious about what she got out of her visit to Taiwan, that could be applied here. She does hope the local community colleges here can exchange low-level instructors with the island.

I'M BACK—President Alice Thurston displays a momento of her trip to Taiwan, last week. She went on a trip sponsored by the Taiwanese Ministry, to learn more about the educational methods of Taiwan.

Star photo by Lee Forbes

Finals, First 3 Weeks Book Buy Back Time

By LOIS SEGAL
Copy Editor

Ever buy a book and then drop the class, or buy a dull book and have the teacher only cover one chapter?

The bookstore will buy back books only during the first three weeks of the semester and during finals. Unmarked books with the sales receipt are bought back during the first three weeks at full price, and marked books at 75 percent of the original cost.

During finals is the only other time the bookstore will buy back this semester's books, and only at 50 percent of the original price.

"If you buy a book for $10, return it for $5, we sell it for 75 percent of list, or $7.50. Of course, we make a profit each time we sell a book," said Joseph Rizzo, bookstore manager.

Some students choose to try and sell their old books to other students. Rizzo feels students who buy their books from other students should be careful. "They get stuck with old editions sometimes, and then they can't return them to the bookstore because they have no receipt. Some of those who sell books can be real con artists."

Info Center Open to Questions

By MATHIEU ELLIS
Council Editor

The Student Information Center, in Monarch Square, is available to all students with questions regarding clubs, school activities, or general information.

"The center is there to inform students of the activities on campus, to build a better communication between ASB and the students and to motivate students into getting involved in clubs and activities on campus," according to Sam Gomez, coordinator of the SIC.

"The workers at the center serve as a means of motivation by encouraging other students. We try to get workers who know the campus," Gomez said, and added, "They are paid from an account in my budget for student salaries."

Ira Skolky, a worker in the booth, noted that "people come onto this campus and don't know where to go They can come to me for information."

"Most people who visit the booth ask for directions to a building. Also, a lot of people ask about clubs, counseling and jobs," comments Skolky, "If I don't know the answer to a question, I can find someone who does."

The booth is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. It is staffed by two workers who are employed for a total of 16 hours a week. At $2.90 per hour, the cost of running the booth is $46.40 per week.

BOOKSTORE

Tomorrow is the last day for refunds at the Bookstore. The next buyback period will be during the finals, announced Joe Rizzo, Bookstore Manager.

The Valley Star's position on issues is discussed only in the editorials presented on this page. Star editorials are the unanimous viewpoint of the Editorial Board. Columns on this page are the opinions of individual staff members and are not necessarily the opinion of the Star. Staff cartoons do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the artist.

STAR EDITORIALS

Those Harassing Cultists

Star believes in the freedom to practice religion, with the stipulation that it is done in a manner that does not harm others.

In some religions it is the mission of followers to "spread the word" and attempt to "enlighten" others. These cult followers attempt to recruit others in several ways, from door-to-door solicitation, to dancing and chanting in public places, to standing and orating on street corners. Most of these recruiting campaigns are carried on peacefully, with no harm to anyone.

One of the most common areas for attempting recruitment by religious cultists has been LAX airport. Some cult members have attempted to act like airport personnel. They approach unaware travelers, offering to help them with directions. Then they pin a flower or American flag on the surprised traveler. Usually a solicitation for money is then made.

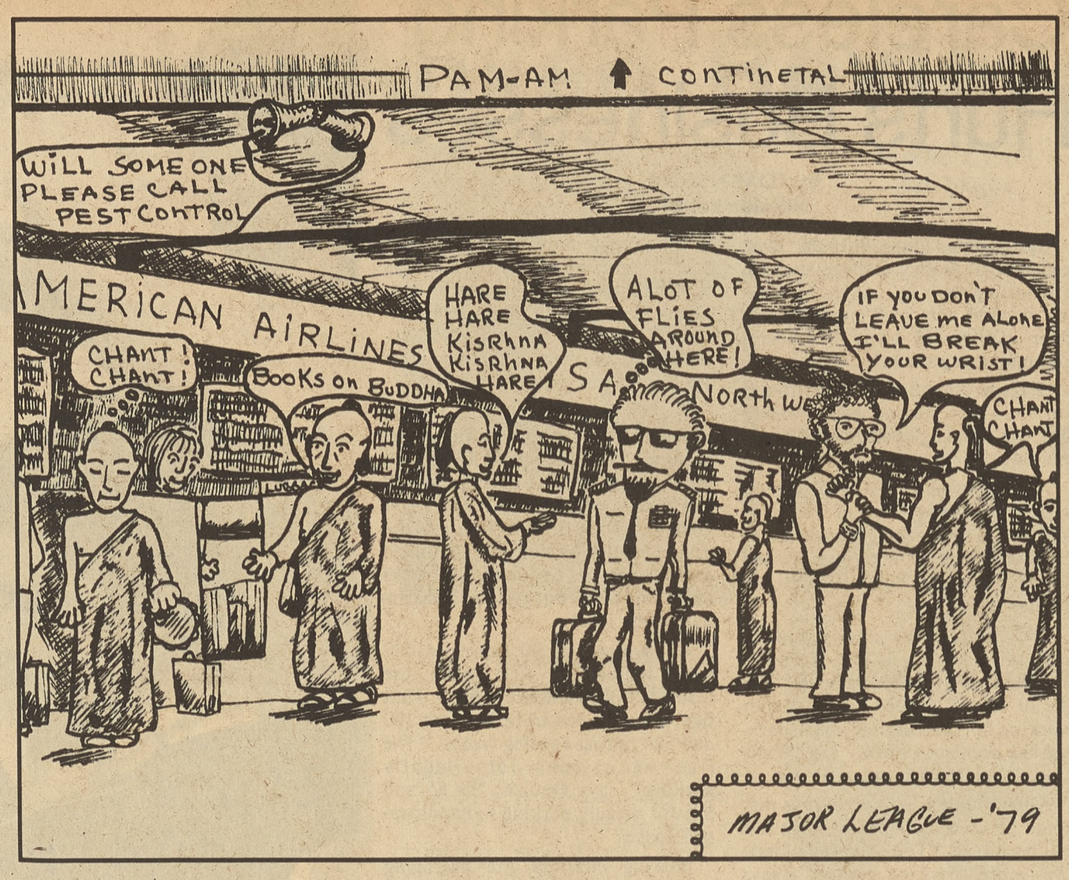
There have been some reported cases recently in which people have been harassed and actually beaten by cult members who were refused money or brushed off by annoyed travelers.

Many others have complained of harassment and having physical force used on them by cultists. Several cult members have been arrested for such conduct.

The aituation at LAX is only one example of public harassment by religious followers. Officials at the airport have attempted to alleviate this problem by designating special areas where cult members must confine themselves to. This has helped somewhat, but the problem continues to persist

Star does not believe that religious followers should be restrained from practicing their religion or be confined in any way.

The freedom to practice religion is a constitutional right, however, and should not be abused. Using physical force in following the ideals of that religion is an abuse of that constitutional guarantee and cannot be tolerated.



Let Student Trustee Vote

Since July 1, 1978 there has been a student member of the Board of Trustees selected by Associated Student representatives from each of the nine colleges in the district.

The LACCD Board of trustees is the governing body for all nine of the community colleges. In order to be given true and fair representation for the students, Star firmly believes that the student trustee should be given a vote on all board matters.

The student trustee attends all of the meetings and may have a voice on board issues, but cannot vote nor make a motion. The other trustees receive $500 for each of the bimonthly trustee meetings, the student is not compensated. A desk and/or office with a telephone is provided at the LACCD for all but the student trustee. Other members of the board also have a phone in their home which allows them to call anywhere in the district, which is paid for by the district.

The student member, being a true representative of the student body, is the most likely member for the students throughout the district to turn to, and yet the most difficult to contact in lieu of the above.

Governor Brown put AB 591 into law so that students would have representation on the Board of Trustees. What good is such a law if the student does not have voting privileges? The student member appointed to the Board of Governors in Sacramento has a vote, as do the student members on the Board of Regents.

All students should stand up and be heard and counted. The student trustee should have a vote, as should the students taking part in their educational process.

VIEWPOINT

Student Drop-out Ratio Perplexing

By RIA VAN DAALEN WETTERS
City Editor

Since the spring semester is now underway, I'm sure some students have already thought of dropping out of a class or out of school altogether. Maybe even you are contemplating it. Before you do, however, why not stop and think for a moment.

Most people come to Valley to learn. Why then, when faced with the possibility of having to put some effort into a class, do students drop out? The answer seems to be that some students are afraid of a little good old-fashioned hard work.

Every semester I experience the same thing. On the first day of class the room is full. By the time the teacher has explained what the class will entail, some students have already made up their minds that they will not be back. The sound of the words "reading," "writing," "term paper," and "no make-up tests" strikes terror into their hearts. These students want something for nothing, but it doesn't work that way. Some ration that they just don't have the time to read or study. If they would turn off their TV sets once in a while, they would discover that they have an awful lot of time on their hands.

By the end of the semester, I usually find that I am one of about a dozen students left in the class. Where has everyone else gone? Some decide that school is not for them and get a job instead. I have more respect for these people than for the ones who are doomed to repeat their pattern of signing up and dropping out over and over again.

If you don't like school, you shouldn't be here. Find a job instead and let someone who really wants to learn get a chance at the "ADD" card for a popular class. But if you're here to learn, make the most of it. Use what Valley offers to your advantage. If you're having trouble in a class, ask the teacher for help that's what a teacher is there for. Or, use a little initiative and go to the Learning Center, use the equipment, ask for a peer counselor. Go to the library and do a little reading. But don't drop out. That's the easy way out. Learning to cope with difficulties is part of life, and you can't drop out of life when the going gets rough, either.

Part of the problem is attitude. One of my teachers really made an impression on me when he quoted this saying, "Believe you can do it or believe you can't, either way you'll be right." If students just had a little more faith in themselves as being capable of a little hard work, half their difficulties would be overcome.

Last week Harvard announced that the cost of tuition would be going up to $8,000 per year. At Valley you can get by one semester paying $6.50 for an I.D. and parking permit (which some students don't even buy) and the cost of your books. I'm not comparing Valley to Harvard, but why not stop just once and think how much you're getting at this fine school for so very little.

Valley College has so much to offer if you let it. But you will have to be willing to put a little bit of time and work into your schooling to get all the benefits of a good education.

COMMENTARY

Nation's Age Regulations Inconsistent

By LANNY CONTE
Sports Editor

There happens to be a great inconsistency in our country pertaining to the age rights or our young people, and such inconsistencies should not be tolerated.

At age eighteen our government feels that, in general, young people are mature enough to select our nation's top officials; are mature enough to commit themselves in what is intended to be for life in matrimony; and are mature enough to give their lives for their country in war.

Yet at age eighteen these same young people are not considered mature enough to gamble away the money that they were mature enough to earn in the first place. Obviously there exists a sad state of priorities when young people are allowed to gamble away their lives and the future of the nation but not the almighty dollar.

The consumption of alcohol brings about the biggest inconsistency of all. Currently the nation has decided to let the individual states decide when the young people of each particular region are ready to handle their liquor maturely. The results: Some states say they're ready at age eighteen; some say age twenty-one; some say eighteen for beer and wine and twenty-one for all other alcoholic drinks; and, get this, some say females are ready at age eighteen and males not until age twenty-one. The whole thing is utterly ridiculous.

Furthermore, why should a politician have to be a certain age before he or she can run for for a particular political office? Does the government really believe that the consensus would one day go completely berserk, would shirk all public responsibilities, and elect a four-year-old as President of the United States? If there exists so little confidence in the intellect of the masses why then are we even allowed to vote in the first place?

And if the future of the nation is so unimportant as to give the vote to someone not yet capable of taking a drink or making a wager, then why not just let four-year-olds vote?

MY TURN

My Stubborn Friend Slim

By TOM LEAGUE
Staff Writer

I had a bet.

Slim bet me that I couldn't bite a baby duck's head off.

I won.

Slim wasn't satisfied.

He bet me that I couldn't eat a live frog.

Slim lost again.

Slim is a stubborn man.

He bet me that I wouldn't climb two barbed-wired fences and attack two live alligators.

I'm rich — Slim lost again.

The things a person does during war. It's sick. But after 26 beers, some marijuana, and some reds, I guess one will do anything for excitement. Maybe those who fought wars were out of their mind. But can you blame them?

I guess biting a baby duck's head off was nothing compared to losing an arm, or "coming home" in a plastic sack, or being a prisoner of war for seven years, or being listed as missing in action, or stepping on a land mine. And the only thing that was left of you was the boots you were wearing.

War is a funny thing. It makes a person do funny things.

Slim made another bet. He bet me that he would come out of the war alive.

Slim lost again.

I remember Slim very well. We grew up together. He was my best friend.

ATTENTION

Dear Readers, we've appreciated your tremendous response with letters to the Editor, and now we want to offer you something in return, a chance to win a claim to posterity at Valley College.

All you have to do is write a motto for the Valley Star. The best one will be selected to become the official motto, and it along with a picture of the author will appear in Star.

Drop all entries off at BJ 114, and leave a phone number and address where you can be reached on all entries. Deadline is Monday at noon.

TABOR'S TELETYPE

The Iranian 'Funhouse'

By KELLEY TABOR
Managing Editor

HOW COME I GET this feeling that the same anti-Shah screamers who kept yelling 'oppression!' because of alleged mistreatment of some Iranians in their country won't let out a peep when people there start getting — a. 40 lashes for drinking b. hands chopped off for thievery c. stoned to death for adultry? . . . Iran ought to be a fun place to be in with the fanatical Ayatollah Khomeini leading his people back into the dark ages.

A GOOD IDEA is the bill recently introduced by State Assemblyman Dave Stirling (R-Hacienda Heights) which would make a life sentence mandatory for anyone convicted for a third time on any of several major felonies such as murder, rape or robbery . . . This used to be the law in California up until 1977 when it was repealed, with Gov. Jerry Brown's approval, along with the indeterminate sentence law . . . The new bill would also make parole possible after 20 years.

SPEAKING OF GOV. BROWN, I was amused to see that he has been labeled "the most dangerous politician in America" by the very liberal Americans for Democratic Action (ADA) . . . The group, which wholeheartedly supported Brown in his 1974 gubernatorial race, now accuse him of "playing the role of a pandering demagogue" . . . How times have changed.

AND SINCE WE'RE ON the subject of Governors, here's hoping that ex-Governor Ronald Reagan now 68, doesn't throw his hat into the 1980 presidential race, even though all indications are that he will . . . Yes, I'm talking about the age game. Even though I supported him in back in '76, I, in all good consciousness, could not support any 70-year-old period, for the office of president. Even though as a rule I'm not for mandatory retirement, the pressures and sweat box-type atmosphere the chief executive must weather could take it's toll on even the most vigorous of us, let alone a person of Reagan's age.

LETTERS TO THE STAR

Who's the 'Mouthpiece?'

Karl Marx wrote that criticism is " . . . a weapon. Its target is an enemy which it aims not to refute but to destroy . . ." It should be pointed out that Michael Benhoff, founder of the campus chapter of the Marxist New American Movement (N.A.M.), was not anywhere near as ironic and sarcastic in recent conversations as he was in his letter to Valley Star of February 15. He seemed friendly and more sincere.

I wrote in "Thoughts on the N.A.M. Chapter's Constitution" (February 13): "To assure students that N.A.M.'s radicalism will be peace-loving and non-militant, there should be included in their Constitution — on paper, in black-and-white — some short statement indicating an attitude of disapproval toward the use of force and violence in 'encouraging meaningful social change' (i.e., change to socialism, more socialism than we already have)." Such a statement was not included, and IOC, shutting out dissent, recognized N.A.M. the same day Benhoff's letter appeared.

Individual students, if convinced of their individual ineffectiveness, are vulnerable to being grouped into a mass by an elite they allegedly need to lead them in a struggle for political power.

At the Board of Trustees meeting February 14, N.A.M. made its debut in its self-assigned role as "representatives" of and spokespersons for the students at Valley College. As one member put it, "One of the most important things we are doing as a group on campus . . ." — N.A.M. at this time, was not a recognized campus organization — " . . . is to provide the students with a mouthpiece so that their wishes and opinions can be known." N.A.M. was there to tell the Board "What the students want . . ."

According to N.A.M. speakers, if money for a full summer school program were to not come through, it would be Sacramento's fault, and N.A.M. would mobilize "10,000 students" to go up and pressure the state government, which ultimately gets its money from the people who have to pay taxes.

Individual students at Valley College are completely capable of being their own spokespersons and don't need N.A.M. as their "mouthpiece." (Most students who signed N.A.M.'s petitions probably did not know who was circulating the petitions and the circumstances in which the petitions were to be presented, that is, in a way designed to benefit a socialist elite group, interpreters of the "will of the students.")

Not only Valley College but also other colleges and universities need to become less dependent on government funding and more self-sufficient, if we are to defeat American fascism and move to a liberal and free society.

— Rob Myers
Individualist Association

LETTERS

The Valley Star is happy to receive and publish letters from Valley College students and citizens of the surrounding community.

Letters may be mailed to the Valley Star, or may be presented in person to the Valley Star office, Business-Journalism 114, by noon Monday for the following Thursday.

Letters should be typewritten with a maximum length of 350-400 words.

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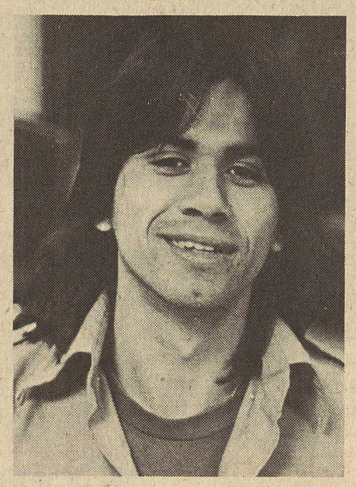
'Nitesiders' Express Themselves

Ernesto Sumampong

"This is my first semester here. I'm from the Philippines and I think this college is very good. They have martial law in the Philippines and life is so much better, freer here. I have no complaints."



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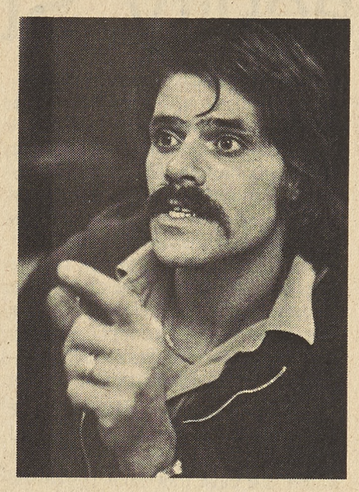
"There should be facilities set up for the children of evening students."

Geneva Williams

"I would like to see a survey of classroom sizes taken. There are too many people in the required courses during the evening and I think the number of students should be reduced by having more classes scheduled."

Brenda Johnson

"This is my first semester. I already have my bachelor's and really have no complaints. I would, however, like to see the library open on Saturdays."



Richard Cowsill

"I'd like to see the evening edition of Star put out again. Evening students should no longer be the silent majority."

Declined to state name

"I would like to see something done about the parking. I dread having to park so far away from everything and then walk, especially during the night."

What's Happening

GRADUATION PETITIONS DUE

Tomorrow, Feb. 23, 4 p.m. is the deadline for filing peititons for graduation as of Spring '79. Petitions are available in the credit office, Administration 127.

DISTINGUISHED LECTURE SERIES

Prof. Robin Winks of Yale University will speak on "The Troubles in Ireland" at 11 a.m. tomorrow in BSc 100 as part of the Distinguished Lecture Series sponsored by the Associated Students.

"THE PYGMIES OF THE ITURI FOREST"

George R. Stuart will be lecturing Tuesday, Feb. 27, 11 a.m., in MS109 as part of the Earth Science Dept. Lecture Series.

SURVIVAL FOR TRANSFER STUDENTS

One of the many workshops sponsored by the S/He Center will will begin Tuesday, Feb. 27, 11 a.m., CC108. The group will discuss anxieties about transferring, and share information and feelings of students who have transferred.

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT GROUPS

Unmasking Male/Female Games and Marriage, Living Together or Single are two of the groups beginning the week of Feb. 26. Come to S/He Center, CC108 to sign up or for information.

'Never Stop Learning,' Student Advises

By MILLIE BARBOZA
Features Editor

She has a letter of commendation from the late President John F. Kennedy.

She sings and plays guitar on a local radio station.

She has been in several movies, such as The Day of the Locust, Elvis Presley Story, Americathron, and on television.

She is Yetta Kurz of Van Nuys.

Kurz was graduated with an associate in arts degree in psychology from Valley at the age of 55. At 62 years young, she is back at Valley after attending CSUN and the University of Judaism.

"Never stop learning, working and helping others," is Yetta's threefold motto.

This semester Kurz is enrolling in eight classes and enjoys all of them. "I am taking everything from dancing to broadcasting," said the soft-spoken dynamic senior, "because learning makes for happiness."

Education has always been of prime interest in Kurz's family. Her two daughters were graduated from Valley College; one has a master's degree in speech and another has a Ph.D. in anthropology.

Her husband, Harry, also enrolled in Valley when he was forced to retire. "I told him to go to school and learn more so he would have 'something to do,' " she says.

Today Harry put his classes in design at Valley to good use — he is a self-employed designer.

As if classes at Valley during the week aren't enough to keep this lively senior busy, she takes a little time out from learning to teach Sunday school, practice Yoga, and help her husband do weekend entertainment skits for retarded children.

Kurz is also a duly accredited deputy registrar of voters. She says one highlight in her life was when she worked on the campaign for the late President John F. Kennedy.

"I actually met him at a big hotel in downtown Los Angeles. He shook my hand and presented me with a letter of commendation."

She confesses that there is a little

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Computer Field Grows; Valley Students Benefit

By GIGI HOROWITZ
Staff Writer

We are entering the age of computers. Our lives are touched daily with computerized microwave ovens, washing machines, and television tuners. Our children learn to spell and speak foreign languages with the help of pocket computers. The job market is overflowing with positions for computer technicians and programmers.

According to William Van Der Beek, Computer Science Department chairman, employers are asking for more students than Valley College can give them.

"We have most of the corses needed to obtain a job. Students can also earn an occupational certificate," says Van Der Beek.

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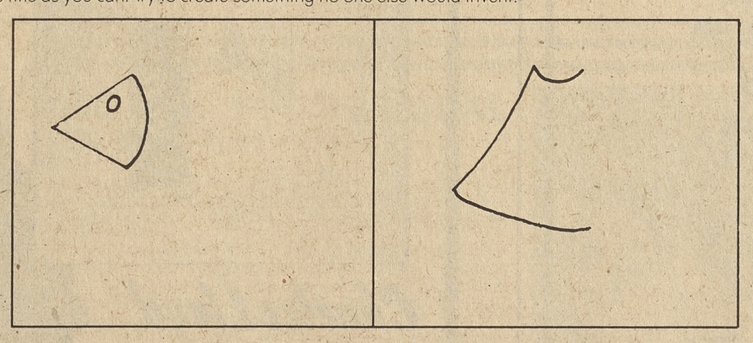

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Rights and Responsibilities Involve Faculty, Students

By JANICE LUGAVERE
News Editor

Students are people, too. Therefore students have rights and responsibilities.

All students have the responsibility to: 1. Respect the right of faculty, staff and other students. 2. Speak and act in a manner which does not violate current legal standards of obscenity, libel or slander, or unlawful acts of advocacy. 3. Exercise care in the use of college equipment and property. 4. Pursue learning while abiding by the rules and regulations of the college. 5. Inform themselves regarding the transfer, degree, or certificate requirements. 6. Inform themselves and perform course assignments in the time and manner prescribed by the instructor.

When a student feels his or her rights have been abridged, the first step is to redress the complaint with the person involved. If this does not prove satisfactory for the student, and the grievance deals with a faculty member in instructional capacity, the student would then take the complaint to the department chairperson. Complaints dealing with any other facility or organization on campus should be taken up with the advisor, president, supervisor, or coordinator. If in doubt on where to channel grievances or any questions regarding the grievance procedure can be referred to the Coordinator of Student Affairs, CC100, or Dean of Student Personnel Services, Administration 100.

If, at any time the student feels he or she is not receiving prompt and proper consideration by those to whom the case has been appealed, the case may be taken to the college ombudsman.

Ombudsman is a word most students did not know the meaning of when asked, and even fewer seemed to know who the person was on campus and what the job entails.

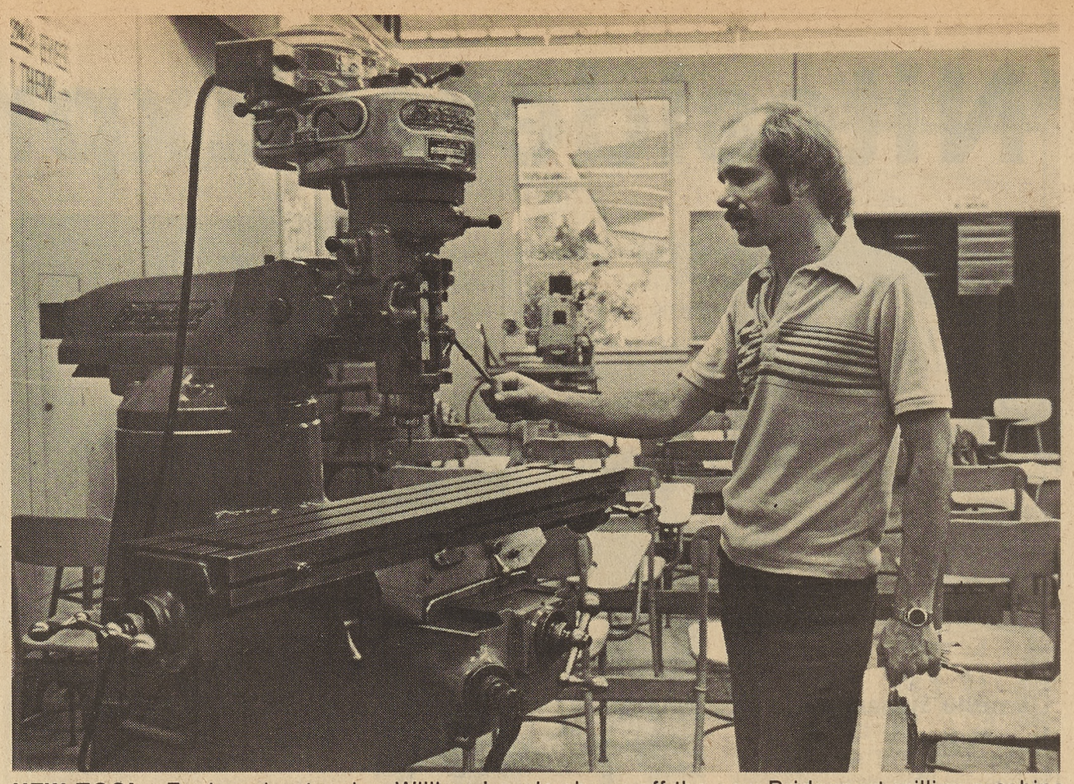
Valley's ombudsman, Phyllis Stones, assistant deanof educational planning and development, was assigned to Valley last August.

"Ninty percent of all cases have usually been resolved before they reach my office," says Stones. "I'm the court of last resort."

"Complaints come from all areas, and many complaints are founded from a lack of understanding and or knowledge of the rules and regulations," says Stones. "It's very important that students know what is in the catalog and schedule. It is their contract when they come to school here."

If a grievance could not be resolved by Stones it would then go to a formal hearing before a grievance committee. This has yet to happen since Stones came to Valley College.

"I find the campus family (students, faculty and staff) very reasonable, very fair," says Stones. "... the line of communication is open."



NEW TOOL—Engineering teacher William Lovoie shows off the new Bridgeport milling machine recently acquired by Valley's machine tool training program. It is a basic tool in the manufacture of dies and irregular shaped items in modern technology. Star photo by Ruth Korb

Disco Craze Forces PE Class Expansion

By CARLA GARAPEDIAN
Staff Writer

The field house echoed with "step-touch, step-touch," as 30 couples attentively followed the coordinated steps of their disco instructor.

"On the first night 157 people tried to add the Wednesday evening class. We opened two more classes, 60 in each," says Walt Ker, a physical education coach, teacher at Cal State Northridge, and part-time disco dancing instructor at Valley College.

Ker, dressed in a pair of well-tailored slacks and a blue polo shirt, clears his slightly hoarse voice — a result of team teaching three classes with dance teachers Klyda Mahoney, Janne Bosco, and Diane Liggett, and then one of his own. Funding for the extra classes came from money from cancelled P.E. classes, says Ker.

"I think the disco trend is fantastic. It has gotten people back into couple dancing. The dancers we teach are for beginners and are the most commonly done couples dances: the Disco Two-step, the Disco Swing, the Latin Hussle, and the New York Hussle," days 25-year-old Ker.

Disco dancing is a relative of ballroom dancing and, according to Ker, the best disco dancers are men and women in their 50's who danced in the '40s.

"In the 60s and early 70s it was all 'do your own thing.' You couldn't appreciate what it was like to dance with someone," says Ker.

The son of Valley P.E. Professor George Ker, Walt Ker went to Valley and then continued as a P.E. major at Cal State Northridge. One dance class was required of all P.E. majors.

"I fell in love with ballroom dancing. At first I thought it was corny, another thing my parents did. It was a natural thing for me to go into disco because of my ballroom background."

To Ker, the over-stereotyped disco dancer has to be the man wearing gold jewelry, Angels' Flight pants and vest, and the woman in Danskins and high heels.

"There's male chauvinism in all couple dancing. The man is always the lead. In disco, the man can just stand there and let his partner do all the turns. He's showing the lady off. It's a sexy thing," remarks Ker.

Many would attribute the success of disco dancing to the success of the film "Saturday Night Fever." But there is something more, according to Ker.

"Disco dancing has reached a different populace other than dancers. It has reached the non-dancer. I'm really not a true dancer type — you know, the boy who starts out when he's 10."

Ker has been a part time (close to full time, he says) instructor at Cal State Northridge for three years. His first disco class started with 20 people and then expanded to 50. Although he coaches volleyball and teaches other P.E. classes, he hopes to teach all disco next year.

"I coach and teach other classes, but dance is my favorite. People attend because they want to have a good time."

On Wednesday evenings, and Wednesday and Friday mornings, people coming to have a good time is somewhat evident. The field house rings with the Bee Gees, Donna Summers, and the sometimes exasperated laughter of its 60 odd dancers.

Ker smiles.

"And we thought the classes might not carry."

Clubs

INDIVIDUALIST ASSOCIATION

Amnesty International regional coordinator Austin G. Straus will be speaking on "The Human Rights Emergency and You" this coming Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Humanities 100, sponsored by the Individualist Association. Everyone welcome.

HILLEL COUNCIL

"Dissent vs. Cooperation . . . Israel and Diaspora," is the title of a lecture to be held Tuesday, February 27, at 8 p.m. in CC 104. The guest speaker will be Michael Riener, West Coast director of the American Zionist Youth Foundation. Admission is free, everyone welcome.

"TSEDAKAH SHABAT" . . . a very special Shabat Dinner and celebration Friday, February 23, at 7 p.m. in the Hillel House (across from campus bungalows). The dinner will be Kosher catered and will cost $2.50 per person or $2 with paid Hillel Activity Card. **PAID RESERVATION A MUST.** Drop in at the Hillel House, LAVC or phone 994-7443.

SENIOR STUDENTS CLUB

The Senior Students Club presents Mr. Frank Dana, administrator of the American Institute of Hypnosis. "Hypnosis—Misconceptions ad present uses," will be th etitle of the talk to be held in Chemistry 100, Thursday, March 1, at 2 p.m.

. . . Computer Center

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COBOL programing, PL/1 programming, assembler language/programming, job control language, microcomputer, and keypunching.

Other classes are time sharing, introduction to Frotran IV, minicomputer, and data bases.

"We tend to be one of the nicer centers in the district," says van der Beek. "We are also the fastest growing department in the school."

The center is compromised of a terminal area with typewriters and video terminals, and the computer room which houses a Xerox 530 computer system.

The video terminals are used to program and enter data to a computer at a location away from the computer installation. A computer, located 13 miles away in downtown Los Angeles, is connected to these terminals via telephone lines.

Students can learn foreign languages such as French and Spanish from the computers. There are also quizzes from many different disiplilinces like chemistry, physics, biology, humanities, history and business.

Currently they are using the district's IBM computer because the Xerox computer is out of production. "Xerox went broke. They just closed their doors," explained van der Beek.

Unfortunately the district is getting rid of the IBM and the center's program is based around an IBM. And all the jobs are with IBM.

"We are hoping to use the existing budget to replace the computer with something more modern," said van der Beek.

"We have old-fashioned equipment. It's outdated. The keypunch macines are outdated and over 20 years old. We have to keep up with the times," he said, "or soon the students won't be able to get a job."

. . . Kurz

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bit of "ham" in her that is partially fulfilled through her drama classes here at Valley. "I love to go down to the studios and get bit parts in movies, and then come back to class and shre the excitement of it all with my classmates," beams Kurz.

Age will never stop Kurz.

"I must admit that at first I thought I wouldn't be very good in Theater Arts because I felt I would not be able to remember all my lines — but I found out different," exclaimed Kurz. "Besides, the instructors are all so encouraging I find mostly everything comes easy to me if I study properly."

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'Moonchildren' Recalls Hippie Era; Delta Psi Omega Debuts Feb. 23

"TOGETHER WE WILL BURN"—"Moonchildren" cast members Andy Brozek, Robert Gruman, Vaune Kirby, and Erik Williams rehearse the scene in which they decide to "burn themselves in protest against the establishment." Star photo by Jane Mallary

By CHRISSY JESSEE
Fine Arts Editor

Valley's Delta Psi Omega Honorary Society will perform the play "Moonchildren" this weekend, Feb. 23, 24, and 25, and again next Thursday, Frday, and Saturday, March 1, 2, and 3, at 8:30 p.m. in the Horseshoe Theater in the Theater Arts Building.

Tickets to each performance will be $2 for gold car holders and students with paid I.D. General admission is $2.50.

" 'Moonchildren' centers around five male college seniors, the way they act towards their generation, and focuses on their meaningless demonstrations against the establishment," said Judy Landau, student stage manager and member of Delta Psi Omega.

"Only one thing keeps these five characters going, and that is the gift of mockery and for putting one another on."

Several members of the cast of "Moonchildren" are alumni of Valley's Delta Psi Omega, which is a dramatic theater arts organization and honorary society.

"Delta Psi Omega performs a play every year to help raise money for theater arts scholarships, and it gives the alumni a chance to come back to this memory-filled building and perform," Landau said.

Poem, Poet Of the Week

I can't believe I'm alive,

With all this pie in my eye,

My senses are blurred,

and so are my eyes,

but that's because I have pie in my eye!

Pie in my eye,

Oh, how I sigh,

and soon I ask why,

Why do I have all this pie in my eye?

By Robery S. Blackstone
English Major

'Concert Varieties' To Perform 'Spicy' Treat

By PARKER SEEMAN
Assoc. Fine Arts Editor

"Variety is the spice of life" is an old cliche that fits the bill when Valley's Community Services in cooperation with Civic Concerts presents "Concert Varieties" this Sunday afternoon, Feb. 25, at 3 p.m. in Monarch Hall.

General admission is $6. A limited number of seats will be available for students, faculty, and senior citizens at $3. Gold Card holders should register with the office of Community Services and obtain information on the availability of free tickets for the concert.

Performing artists are Lloyd Lindroth, harpist; Gene Arcade, baritone; and Tom McLaughlin and Kate McClure, pantomimists.

"This is Civic Concert's first appearance at Valley," said Arcade, who heads the organization. "Our purpose is to present artists of outstanding ability as well as young aspiring artists throughout the state."

Arcade has performed on the concert stage, in theaters, and supper clubs. He has now added another dimension to his music career by producing Civic Concerts in addition to performing in them.

The highlight of his Valley College appearance will be a rendition of the famous baritone aria "Largo al Factotum" from the "Barber of Seville."

An exciting afternoon is in store for all music lovers who take advantage of "Concert Varieties" this Sunday.

Movie Review

'Oliver's Story' Bombs

By LANNY CONTE
Sports Editor

After watching and reading Erich Segal's "Oliver's Story", the long-awaited sequel to his tear-jerking smash-hit of 1970, "Love Story", all I could think of was "Boy, he must really have been hard-up for cash."

A dryed-out bank account after his oil gusher of eight years ago was all I could reason for as an excuse for Segal's latest piece. While Segal has a great style for short-novel writing, "Oliver's Story" was a major miss for readers and a major catastrophe for movie goers.

Where "Love Story" was a cutesy story of two foul-mouthed, mismatched brats who found, and somehow deserved, one another until death so cruelly pryed them apart, "Oliver's Story" is nothing more than the dull adventures of a sole-searching young widower who refuses love or happiness in favor of self-pity.

Ryan O'Neal again plays Oliver Barrett IV, only this time around he is no longer that lovably, cockey, rebellous, and brash young punk that was so adorable trading insults and profanity with his equally obnoxious wife Jennifer Cavilari, but instead a mellow and morose young businessman who finds himself all alone in the world. Not only is O'Neal's character a total bore, he is not at all sympathetic, even if his performance is.

Barrett's love interest (if you don't count himself) this time is, unlike his deceased wife, rich and classy, although they both share the common trait of being snippity little rascals. The sophisticated lady is played by Candice Bergen, one of the few well-cast characters in a horribly cast picture, who still didn't really seem to know what her character was all about.

Returning once more, though only Heaven knows why, as Oliver's despised father is Ray Milland, the movie's only ray of sunshine. This time though, Oliver realizes that his father isn't such a bad guy after all, while we realize that neither was "Love Story" such a bad movie.

In truth, "Oliver's Story" seems to be something that its makers just whipped up in the belief that, because it is the sequel to "Love Story," the public would automatically go see it no matter how bad it is. It is nothing more than an insult to the public in general.

The question to Erich Segal now is whether or not it was worth his integrity for the few extra bucks. If the answer is "no" you may soon hear Segal say: "Love means never having to say you've sequeled."

Oscar Award History Quiz To Be Answered

By CHRISSY JESSEE
Fine Arts Editor

Oscar historians, lovers, and guessers, here are the answers and the names of the winners to last week's "Oscar Quiz."

1. "Wings" won for best picture in 1927, the first Oscar year.
2. Janet Gaynor was Oscar's first best actress.
3. Emil Jannings was Oscar's first best actor.
4. The first Oscar Awards were presented at the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel.
5. The 1934 Film that won Oscars for best picture, actor, actress, director, and writer was "It Happened One Night," which starred Clark Gable and Claudette Colbert.
6. "Gone With the Wind" won for best picture in 1939.
7. "The Wizard of Oz" won an Oscar for best song, "Somewhere Over the Rainbow," not for best Art Direction.
8. The David O. Selznick film "Rebecca" won for best picture in 1940.
9. Laurence Olivier won a best actor Oscar for his portrayal of "Hamlet" in 1948.
10. Humphrey Bogart won a best actor Oscar for the film "The African Queen," not for "Casablanca" of "The Caine Mutiny."
11. Gene Kelly starred and danced with Leslie Caron in the 1951 best picture "An American in Paris. He also choreographed the 17 minute dance sequence that highlighted the film and won a special Oscar for it.
12. "The Sound of Music" won for best picture in 1965.

Hiroshi Sugawara, Art major, submitted her quiz with no errors. Mark Benson, Mass Media major, also had no errors. Bess Pelta, Cinema major, missed question 4, and William Berger, Humanities major, missed questions 4 and 10.

More quizzes to come.

Fine Arts Happenings

PLANETARIUM PRESENTS "ECLIPSE" FINALE

Valley's Planetarium will present its fourth and final lecture on solar eclipses this Fri., Feb. 23, at 7:30 p.m. Answers to questions on solar eclipse phenomena will be answered. Admission is $1 for adults and 75 cents for kids over five. For more info. call 781-1200 ext. 390.

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On Sun., Feb. 25, the Performing Arts Ensemble, PAE, will perform a musical rendition of Black music thoughout the span of America. Music will include spirituals, jazz and disco. The concert will be performed at the Wilshire Ebell Theater, 4401 W. 8th St., and will begin at 8 p.m. Tickets are $6, $5, and $4. Call 387-6433, 578-0989, or the Wilshire Ebell Box Office for tickets and info.

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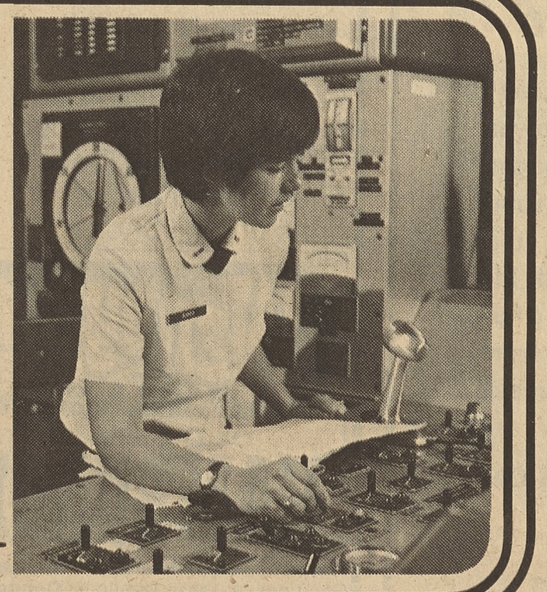

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VC Nine Stops Foes But Can't Stop Rain

By JIM DESIMIO
Assoc. Sports Editor

As far as baseball teams go, none has been able to beat Valley College this season, but the rain was able to stop the Monarchs last weekend, preventing, or at least delaying the final game of the Ventura/Santa Barbara Tournament.

After beating Fullerton JC on Thursday, 8-3, Valley had both games of a double-header rained out on Friday. The Monarchs won the first game of the rescheduled twin bill on Saturday, getting by San Mateo College, 5-2.

Valley Star Sports

In the nightcap, Valley was leading Ventura College, 5-0, when the game was called on account of rain after six innings. The Monarchs were thus the winners of the Ventura segment of the tournament, and were to play Long Beach City College, winners of the Santa Barbara segment, on Sunday, but the rain prevailed once more. The two teams will try to find openings in their schedules to play each other for the championship sometime in the next couple of weeks.

In the opening game Thursday at El Camino Real High School, the Monarchs broke open a close game with five runs in the fifth inning, making the score 8-2. Valley right-fielder Mark Trentacosta supplied the big hit, a bases-loaded double that scored three.

Pitcher Scott Olshane worked six innings and earned the win for the Monarchs. In the seventh, Olshane gave way to Dan Anctil, who finished up on the mound.

Valley had a tough time Saturday against San Mateo. The score was tied 2-2 in the top of the eighth, when the Monarchs' designated hitter Bobby Mandel drove a double to deep right-center, scoring Trentacosta. Valley added a pair of insurance runs in the ninth to make the final score 5-2.

Mike Digiacomo went the distance on the mound for Valley to pick up the win. "Mike allowed a lot of runners," said head coach Dave Snow, "but he always came up with the big pitch when he needed it."

In their rain-shortened victory over Ventura, Valley scored three times in the first inning and never looked back, winning 5-0.

The Monarchs host Cerritos College this afternoon at 2:30 p.m., then travel to Compton Saturday for a 1 p.m. game.

OPEN NET—Ron O'Brien of Valley College's "Class of their League" Hockey Team returns from injury and aids Monarchs to easy 12-1 victory over UC-Irvine. Star photo by Dale Randell

Monarchs Annihilate Irvine Anteaters 12-1

By JIM DESIMIO
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For the first ten minutes of the game, it was a scoreless tie, but that was the highlight of the evening for the UC Irvine Anteaters' hockey team, as the following 50 minutes saw the Monarchs of Valley College annihilate the Anteaters, 12-1, Monday night at Pickwick Ice Rink.

The second period proved to be pivotal. It opened with the Monarchs sporting a modest 2-0 lead but by the time the buzzer sounded to end the period, Valley's lead had ballooned to 9-0, and the Monarchs cruised from then on.

Late in the game, Irvine scored a goal, which if nothing else proved to them that VC goalie Claude Cohen is human after all. Cohen, who shut out the Anteaters 5-0 last week, must have started to feel like he owned them after holding them scoreless for another two and three quarters periods before allowing the lone tally.

Leading the scoring for the Monarchs was Pete Gillis, who turned the hat trick, scoring once in the first period and twice in the third. Bill Minsky, the newest member of the team, scored two goals for the men in green.

Monarch fans were glad to see Ron O'Brien back in action. O'Brien sat out a couple games after being knocked about and taking a hard face-first fall onto the ice, requiring hospitalization, two weeks ago against USC.

In another game played last week, Valley beat UCLA at the Bruins' home ice, 5-2. The Monarchs close out the regular season with a pair of games against UCLA, including one Monday night at 11 p.m. from Pickwick.

Athlete of Week

Barbara Skarin finished first in the javelin throw, discus toss,and shot put, as well as finishing second and third in the 3,000 and 800 meter runs, respectively, to become Valley College's Athlete of the Week for Feb. 12-19, despite a 63-34 loss to El Camino last Friday by the women's track and field team.

Lady Softballer's Play at Hornets' Nest Today

By LANNY CONTE
Sports Editor

In a rematch of last week's 3-0 victory at home, the Valley College Monarchs' softball team will travel to Fullerton today for a 3:30 p.m. game against the Hornets.

The Monarchs, behind the pitching of their superb right-hander and last season's Player of the Year Pam Titchener, as well as a clutch power-hit by rifle-armed catcher Laurel Roehl, evened their preseason record at 1-1. Two days earlier the Monarchs lost a heartbreak 1-0 game at Northridge on a passed ball.

All three of the Monarchs runs came in the fifth inning, as team sparkplug Kate Cross led off the inning by ripping out a single and then stole second base. Power-hitting firstbaseman Shelly Bly then received her second intentional walk on the day and Roehl followed that up by belting a long two-run triple into deep rightfield. She then advanced home on a passed ball to round out the scoring.

Fullerton received a fine pitching performance themselves from Julie Trofholz, but five errors didn't help her out any. Trofholz also got only one of three hits in the game off Titchener, who, although she was a bit wild in the early going, continued to amaze fans down in the Valley of the Monarchs by pitching her way out of every situation.

Against Northridge Titchener fired a one-hitter but still couldn't beat the Matadors, as CSUN's Caryl Sherman tossed a brilliant no-hit, no-run game to turn back Valley.

SPORTS SCHEDULE
(Feb. 22-28)

BASEBALL—Thurs. (Feb. 22), Cerritos at Valley, 2:30 p.m.; Sat. (Feb. 24), Valley at Compton, 1 p.m.; Tues. (Feb. 27), College of the Canyons at Valley, 2:30 p.m.
BASKETBALL (Men's)—Wed. (Feb. 21), Valley at El Camino, 7:30 p.m.; Fri. (Feb. 23), Valley at Pasadena, 7:30 p.m.
BADMINTON (CO-ED)—Mon. (Feb. 26), Valley at El Camino, 2 p.m.; Wed. (Feb. 28), Pierce at Valley, 2 p.m.
GYMNASTICS (Men's)—Fri. (Feb. 23), Long Beach City at Valley, 3 p.m.
HOCKEY—Mon. (Feb. 26), UCLA at Valley (Pickwick Ice Rink, Burbank), 10:30 p.m.
SOFTBALL—Thurs. (Feb. 22), Valley at Fullerton, 3:30 p.m.; Mon. Feb. 26), Valley at Ventura, 3:30 p.m.; Wed. (Feb. 28), East L.A. at Valley, 3:30 p.m.
SWIMMING (Men's)—Fri. (Feb. 26), Valley at Pasadena, 2:30 p.m.
TENNIS (Men's)—Tues. (Feb. 27), Valley at East L.A., 2 p.m.; Wed. (Feb. 28), Valley at Rio Hondo, 2 p.m.
TENNIS (Women's)—Mon. (Feb. 26), West L.A. at Valley, 2 p.m.
TRACK & FIELD (Men's & Women's)—Fri. (Feb. 23), Pierce at Valley, 2 p.m.

Hoopsters Seek Conference Playoff Spot, Need Win at Pasadena in Season Finale

By LANNY CONTE
Sports Editor

Tomorrow evening the Monarchs' men's basketball team will vie for the final Metro Conference playoff spot when they travel to Pasadena for the final regular season game of the year.

Last time these two teams met it took a fifteen foot Jimmy Holland jump shot with just four seconds left in the game to give Valley a 63-62 victory over PCC, and with so much on the line this time the game looks to be another thriller.

With El Camino, Long Beach, Bakersfield, and Pierce already clinching the first four playoff positions, Valley needs a win tomorrow to take the last spot from East Los Angeles. Tip-off time is 7:30 p.m.

Last Friday night against conference "patsy" Mission College at Sylmar High School, the Monarchs rolled to an easy 81-67 victory over the last place "Free Spirits". In that game Coach Jim Stephans made good use of his bench while greatly limiting the usage of star forward/center Lonnie Camper.

Enjoying his finest night of the season was 6'7½" center Kelly Lynn-Thomas who put in 17 points and pulled down eight rebounds. Guards Holland and Scott Soller combined for 32 points, while John Owens of Mission led all scorers with 20 points.

Two nights earlier in their last home game of the year in the Lion's Den, Valley was dropped by the Bakersfield Renegades as a 33-29 halftime lead turned into a 69-57 loss. The "Gades" were led by center Darrel "Dr. Dunk" Bardner, who had 24 points and 14 rebounds, and James Childs with 20 points.

The big man for the Monarchs in their loss was Camper with 20 points and eight rebounds. Other double-figure scorers were BC's Poncho Wiley with 14 points and Lynn-Thomas and Ira Sollod ov Valley with ten points each.

Sports Shorts...

MEN'S SWIMMING

Tomorrow afternoon the men's swim team will open their Metropolitan Conference season in a 2 p.m. match at Pasadena College. Last Wednesday Coach Bill Krauss' aquamen swamped Ventura 83-40 as Dale Ernstmeyer won three events and Jeff Arwine and Steve Wolvek won two each. Ernestmeyer, an All-American in the 50-yard freestyle swim, had a time of 22.1 in that event, just one tenth off of the California State Meet qualifying time. Ernstmeyer's other two first place events were the 100-yard backstroke (1:02.0) and 100 yard freestyle (50.2). Arwine won in the 100 yard butterfly (55.9) and the 200 yard butterfly (2:12.9), while long-distance man Wolvek won in each of the 500 yard and 1,650 yard freestyles with times of 5:07.9 and 17:37, respectively.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Last weekend in the Allan Hancock Tournament in Santa Maria, Valley's women's basketball team was eliminated in a quick two games, when they lost to the Palomar JC's 64-58 and then were edged by Santa Barbara City College 63-62 on a last-second free-throw. Valley will travel to Santa Barbara for a rematch this Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. Head Coach Rick Beress blamed his team's performance on the long trip up, the inexperience of the primarily "frosh" team playing on the road for the first time, and surprisingly, himself, for not having his team conditioned well enough.

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